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**Enforcement & Groundwater
Permitting**

Mandatory Minimum Penalty

Clark Construction Group, Inc.

Joyce Wang

A Mandatory Minimum Penalty was issued against Clark Construction Group, Inc. on January 9, 2004, for \$180,000 for exceeding their NPDES permit effluent limit for total suspended solids, settleable solids, turbidity, oil and grease, sulfate, nitrogen, biochemical oxygen demand, total dissolved solids during the 3rd Quarter 2002 through the 3rd Quarter 2003. The wastewater flows through the storm drain system located at 2nd Street into the Los Angeles River, a navigable water of the United States. Clark Construction Group, Inc. Clark Construction Group, Inc. has until February 11, 2004 to submit a signed waiver and the penalty assessed to the Regional Board.

Douglas Emmett Realty Advisors

Jesus Plasencia

A Mandatory Minimum Penalty was issued against Douglas Emmett Realty Advisors on January 9, 2004, for \$33,000 for exceeding their NPDES permit effluent limit for pH and total suspended solids during the 4th Quarter 2000, 3rd Quarter 2001, 1st Quarter 2002, 3rd Quarter 2002, 1st Quarter 2003, and 2nd Quarter 2003. The wastewater flows through the storm drain system to Ballona Creek and empties into the Santa Monica Bay, a navigable water of the United States. Douglas Emmett Realty Advisors has until February 11, 2004 to submit a signed waiver and the penalty assessed to the Regional Board.

City of Simi Valley

Lala Kabadaian

A Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) was issued against the City of Simi Valley on November 20, 2003 for \$33,000 for exceeding their NPDES permit effluent limit for sulfate, turbidity, and residual chlorine during the period 3/31/01 through 5/30/03. The wastewater flows to the Calleguas Creek, a navigable water of the United States. The City of Simi Valley paid the penalty in full on December 23, 2003.

NPDES Facility Inspections

Jesus Plasencia and Jose Morales

Enforcement Unit NPDES inspectors conducted inspections at 11 facilities with NPDES Permits since December 4, 2003. Inspection of these facilities is a required part of the NPDES program.

Self Monitoring Reports

Enforcement Staff

Staff reviewed 470 Self-Monitoring Reports submitted by NPDES permit holders since December 4, 2003.

**Waste Discharge Requirement
Program**

Non Chapter 15

General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR's)

Mesa Union School District

Toni Callaway

Mesa Union School District proposed to discharge well development water from Well No. 1 on the property owned by Mesa Union School, Somis, to the existing onsite irrigation system.

Regional Board staff have reviewed the information provided and have determined that the proposed discharge meets the conditions specified in State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 2003-0003-DWQ, "*Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Discharges to Land with a Low Threat to Water Quality*", adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on April 30, 2003. The case was enrolled under the Order on December 10, 2003.

Brenntag West, Inc.

Orlando H. Gonzalez

Brenntag West, Inc. owns and operates a former facility commonly known as the Soco-Lynch facility located at 3270 East Washington Boulevard in Vernon. Site investigations conducted at the site indicate that soil and groundwater have been contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The VOCs identified in the groundwater include tetrachloroethene (PCE), 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA), cis-1,2-dichloroethene (DCE), 1,1-dichloroethane, 1,1-DCE, methylene chloride, methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) (2-butanone), benzene, toluene, and acetone.

On August 8, 2003, Regional Board staff of the Well Investigation Program approved the Remediation Action Plan (RAP) for the pilot project. In the proposed RAP, the Discharger proposes to inject/infiltrate molasses solution into the unsaturated zone and perched groundwater zone through ten wells

Regional Board staff has reviewed the information provided and has determined that the proposed discharge meets the conditions specified in Order No. R4-2002-0030, "*General Waste Discharge Requirements for Groundwater Remediation at Petroleum Hydrocarbon Fuel and/or Volatile Organic Compound Impacted Sites.*" The case was enrolled under Order No R4-2002-0030 on December 16, 2003.

Ventura County Watershed Protection District

Gary Schultz

The Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD) plans to convert the South Branch Arroyo Conejo debris basin to a flood control detention basin. VCWPD expects that groundwater will be collected during construction excavation dewatering for the debris basin modification project and discharge the collected water to land.

Regional Board staff have reviewed the information provided and have determined that the proposed discharge meets the conditions specified in State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 2003-0003-DWQ, "*Statewide General Waste Discharge*

Requirements (WDRs) for Discharges to Land with a Low Threat to Water Quality", adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on April 30, 2003. The case was enrolled under the Order on December 16, 2003.

Malibu Shores Motel

Hoan Tang

Surfrider Associates, a California Limited Partnership, owns and operates a 18-unit motel complex called Malibu Shores Motel located at 23033 Pacific Coast Highway in the City of Malibu. The septic system at the site consists of one 8,000-gallon septic tank, four seepage pits and a leachfield. The yearly average volume of discharge is estimated at 1,200 gallons per day of wastewater.

Regional Board staff have determined that the proposed discharge meets the conditions specified in the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ, "*General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems.*" The case was enrolled under Order No. 97-10-DWQ on December 19, 2003.

Whittwood Carwash, Inc.

Orlando H. Gonzalez

Whittwood Carwash, Inc. owns and operates an active car wash facility (Site) located at 16010 East Whittier Blvd. in Whittier. Site investigations conducted at the site indicate that soil and groundwater has been contaminated with total petroleum hydrocarbon as gasoline (TPH-g) as well as aromatic hydrocarbons (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene) (BTEX), methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), tetrachloroethene (PCE), 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, isopropylbenzene, n-propylbenzene and naphthalene.

A remedial action plan (RAP) using a high-vacuum dual-phase extraction system with granular activated carbon (GAC) filters was proposed as a cleanup method. The RAP was approved by Regional Board staff on November 26, 2002.

Regional Board staff have reviewed the information provided and have determined that the proposed discharge meets the conditions specified in Order No. R4-2002-0030, "*General Waste Discharge Requirements for Groundwater Remediation at Petroleum Hydrocarbon Fuel and/or Volatile Organic Compound Impacted Sites.*" The case was enrolled under Order No R4-2002-0030 on December 19, 2003.

Ventura County General Services Agency

Toni Callaway

Ventura County General Services Agency, Fleet Services Division (Discharger) owns and operates Ventura County Ojai Maintenance Yard which is located at 1768 Maricopa Highway in Ojai. Site investigations conducted at the site indicate that soil and groundwater has been contaminated with total petroleum hydrocarbon as gasoline (TPH-g) as well as aromatic hydrocarbons (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene) (BTEX) and methyl-tertiary-butyl-ether (MTBE).

The Discharger proposes to inject hydrogen peroxide with Fenton's reagent into well MW-17 located at south of El Roblar Drive. On March 24, 2003, the Ventura County Environmental Health Division approved an Addendum and the Corrective Action Plan for the site clean-up.

Regional Board staff have reviewed the information provided and have determined that the proposed discharge meets the conditions specified in Order No. R4-2002-0030, "General Waste Discharge Requirements for Groundwater Remediation at Petroleum Hydrocarbon Fuel and/or Volatile Organic Compound Impacted Sites." The case was enrolled under Order No R4-2002-0030 on December 19, 2003.

Kissel Company, Inc.

Toni Callaway

The Kissel Company, Inc. (Discharger) owns but does not operate the Paradise Cove Beach Café (Beach Café), located at 28128 Pacific Coast Highway in the City of Malibu. The Discharger as owner of the land, has accepted responsibility for the wastewater generated by the Beach Café in a lease agreement with the restaurant operator.

The Beach Café is a one-story building with seating for 300 persons, exclusive of the outdoor seating on the beach. The wastewater disposal system includes ten (10) AdvanTex® AX100 Treatment units and a 20,000-gallon recirculation tank. The wastewater discharges through a subsurface drip system and three seepage pit clusters, each containing four (5 ft. X 30 ft.) seepage pits. The minimum groundwater separation between the bottom of the seepage pits is approximately 19 feet.

Regional Board staff have determined that the proposed discharge meets the conditions specified in the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ, "General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems."

The case was enrolled under Order No. 97-10-DWQ on December 29, 2003.

River Park A. LLC

Toni Callaway

River Park A., LLC (River Park) proposes to construct Domestic/Irrigation Well No. D-1 on Parcel 25 and 26 of Rancho Santa Paula Y Saticoy, which is located just north of Los Angeles Avenue in Saticoy. River Park proposes to discharge development water from Domestic/Irrigation Well No. D-1 to local flower crops for irrigation and to discharge the drilling mud and cuttings in place in a sump pit at a location near the well head.

Regional Board staff have reviewed the information provided and have determined that the proposed discharge meets the conditions specified in State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 2003-0003-DWQ, "Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Discharges to Land with a Low Threat to Water Quality", adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on April 30, 2003. The case was enrolled under the Order on December 30, 2003.

WDR Facility Inspections

Non-Chapter 15 Unit staff

Non-Chapter 15 Unit staff conducted six site inspections. Inspection of the facilities is a required part of the WDR program.

Self Monitoring Reports

Non-Chapter 15 Unit staff

In December 2003, staff reviewed a total of 17 Self-Monitoring Reports submitted by WDR permit holders.

Rescissions of WDRs for Thrifty Oil Company (Order No. 89-041) and Rockwell International Corporation (Order No. 93-006)

Orlando H. Gonzalez

Thrifty Oil Company obtained Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 89-041 for Thrifty Oil Company Station #211 located 1715 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Thousand Oaks, to discharge treated groundwater to land on April 24, 1989. According to a request submitted by Thrifty Oil Company, the Regional Board staff has verified that the site is no longer discharging treated groundwater to land. On December 4, 2003 the Regional Board considered all factors and adopted Order No. R4-2003-0159 for rescission of Order No. 89-041.

Rockwell Scientific Company, LLC. has discharged treated groundwater to land from Rockwell International Science Center located 1049 Camino Dos Rios, Thousand Oaks, under Order No. 93-006 adopted on January 25, 1993. However the requirements of Order No. 93-006 were no longer applicable because the case was enrolled under the requirements of General Waste Discharge Requirements for Groundwater Remediation at Petroleum Hydrocarbon Fuel and/or Volatile Organic Compound Impacted Sites, Order No. R4-2002-0030 on June 20, 2003. On December 4, 2003 the Regional Board considered all factors and adopted Order No. R4-2003-0154 for rescission of Order No. 93-006.

Landfills Unit

Bishop's Canyon Landfill

The Executive Officer sent a Notice of Violation to Bishop's Canyon Landfill for failure to respond to detections of landfill contaminants in ground water.

Sun Valley Inert Landfill

The Executive Officer sent a Notice of Violation to Sun Valley Inert Landfill for failure to respond to detections of potential landfill contaminants in ground water.

General Waste Discharge Requirements

Two General Waste Discharge Requirements (Order No. 91-93) was issued for the disposal to a Class III landfill of petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soil and other wastes.

Sunshine Canyon Landfill

The State Water Resources Control Board received petitions from Browning-Ferris Industries and the North Valley Coalition challenging the Los Angeles Regional Board's adoption of Order No. R4-2003-0155 for the Phase I of City Landfill Unit 2 expansion for Sunshine Canyon Landfill.

Storm Water Section

MS4 Inland /San Gabriel Unit

2002-03 Industrial Permittee Annual Report Status

Ejigu Solomon

Discharges of storm water associated with industrial activities are subject to self-monitoring requirements, among other requirements, as set forth in an NPDES General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activities (General Permit).

These self-monitoring requirements include collection and analyses of runoff from two storms each year, as well as visual observations, and permittees must submit annual reports of their self-monitoring to the Regional Board by July 1st of each year. The status of the annual reporting requirement is as follows:

- As of January 2, 2004, staff (interns) have reviewed about 90% of the submitted annual reports. Review of the remaining reports has been delayed due to lay off of student interns late last year.
- As of January 9, 2004, 2,563 (89%) of the permittees had submitted annual reports. Another 10% of the permittees have been, or are in the process of, being terminated. Since December 2003, the number of permittees targeted for penalties has declined from 75 to 35, and staff are preparing Complaints for Administrative Civil Liability for these remaining permittees with delinquent annual reports.

Compliance by Vernon Food Processors

Jeff Mack and Jim Covin

Much of Vernon's industrial zone abuts the Los Angeles River. Staff has been working closely with the City of Vernon, as summarized below, to ensure that the food processing sector is brought into compliance with storm water regulations.

- Non-filers: Under state storm water regulations, industrial facilities with activities classified under specified SIC codes must file a "Notice of Intent" (NOI) to comply with an *NPDES General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activities* (General Permit). A facility that fails to file an NOI is subject to mandatory minimum penalties of \$5,000 per year. Staff worked closely with Vernon officials to identify non-filers in the food processing sector and, on November 7, 2003, issued over 70 level 1 enforcement letters. To date, only 8 food processors have enrolled under the General Permit, while another 22 food processors believe that they are exempt from enrollment. These NNAs are subject to field verification. The Regional Board has issued level 2 enforcement actions (NOVs) to the remaining 38 facilities, and reissued to level 1 enforcement actions to 5 facilities that had address and/or contact problems.

- **Violations by Permittees:** With assistance from Tetra Tech, staff has inspected 14 facilities that were already permitted. None of these 14 facilities was in complete compliance with the General Permit, and almost one-half of these facilities had serious violations, ranging from illicit discharges to failure to have developed and implemented a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. Staff is in the process of issuing enforcement actions mandating corrective action.

Cleanup and Abatement Order Issued to Palos Verdes Landfill

Wendy Liu

The Palos Verdes Landfill is located at 25706 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rolling Hills, along the northern slope of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (San Districts) accepted wastes at this landfill from 1957 to 1980. The landfill, which covers 291 acres, has been divided into three sections: Main Site, South Coast Botanic Garden and Ernie Howlett Park. Regional Board staff is working with Department of Toxic Substances Control, which is the lead agency for the inactive landfill operation. As the Permittee is currently operating a Gas-to-Energy facility on the Main Site as well as other environmental control systems on all three sections, the Regional Board oversees compliance with storm water regulations at the site, under the General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water from Industrial Activities.

As the Permittee has discharged up to 17 releases of non-storm water discharges (gas condensate and contaminated ground water), the Regional Board Executive Officer issued a Cleanup and Abatement Order on December 19, 2003, directing the San Districts to upgrade environmental controls on the facility. Following discussions with regulators, the San Districts has already made progress by installing a dedicated high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipeline transferring extracted groundwater from a well to the liquid treatment system, and will install a dry weather diversion system at three storm drain locations on the Main Site.

Alpha Street Auto Dismantler Inspections

Kristie Chung

Alpha Street is a cul-de-sac located in the City of Irwindale, where there is an industrial corridor of 28 auto dismantling facilities. Storm water from the cul-de-sac drains to the Buena Vista Channel directly to the south, which is tributary to Rio Hondo. There are also many deep gravel pits near Alpha Street, several of which have exposed ground water as mining has occurred below the water table.

The Regional Board led a multiagency effort to inspect all 28 auto dismantling facilities over a two-day period last month. The inspections were conducted with assistance from Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Los Angeles County Fire Department Health Hazmat, City of Irwindale Public Works, and TetraTech, Inc. Preliminary results of the inspection show that about one-third of the facilities are in compliance with the State's storm water regulations, while the remaining two-thirds have either major or minor violations to correct, ranging from an illicit discharge to failure to implement all Best Management Practices specified in Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans. Staff is in the process of issuing enforcement actions mandating corrective actions.

Seven-Up Non-Filer Inspections

Ivar Ridgeway

On December 3, 2003, a USEPA and Regional Board inspectors conducted two joint inspections of Seven-Up distribution centers in Oxnard and San Fernando. These facilities were inspected after determining that the Seven-Up bottling plant in Vernon had been a long-term non-filer. After filing for coverage, in January 2003, under the State's General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water from Industrial Activities, inspectors had observed evidence of major violations, including illicit discharges and failure to implement Best Management Practices.

The results of the inspections last month indicate that the San Fernando facility needs to file for coverage under the General Permit, due to exposure of tanks with vehicle waste fluids plus maintenance activities. The USEPA will be issuing a joint enforcement order.

Joint Enforcement – Los Angeles City Attorney Environmental Strike Force

Jeff Mack and Ivar Ridgeway

On-going cooperative efforts with the Strike Force and numerous State, Los Angeles County and City agencies are continuing. Sun Valley and Wilmington auto dismantlers, recycling yards, cement batch plants and oil production or processing facilities and chrome plating facilities throughout the City of Los Angeles are continuing to be jointly inspected. Filing of charges, court proceedings and dispositions are increasing from the efforts of the joint agency inspections and referrals to the City Attorney.

Two facilities have pled guilty to criminal and/or civil charges for Health and Safety Code (H&SC) or Water Code (WC) violations.

Over 60 facilities are under investigation. Many of these facilities are not required to be permitted under the Industrial Storm Water Permit, but may be violating other State and Municipal Codes.

A chrome plating facility in Sun Valley was found to have serious H&SC and WC violations, and was referred to the Well Investigation Program for sub-surface soil and ground water follow-up.

Wayne J. Sand & Gravel, Inc.

Sean Lee

On January 9, 2004, staff from the US EPA and Regional Board jointly inspected a mining operation in Moorpark, Wayne J., which is covered under both the Construction and Industrial Storm Water General Permits. Storm water from the permittee's facility drains into Grimes Canyon Wash, and then into Arroyo Simi. Regional Board staff inspected the facility many times and issued 5 Notices of Violations, 3 Notices to Comply and 2 Notices of Non-compliance for an unavailable Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), ineffective non-storm water management, and inadequate erosion and sediment control and structural BMPs. Staff are now coordinating enforcement action with the USEPA, and other agencies such as US Army Corp. Engineering and Department of Fish and Game may join in.

Water Quality Protective Measures from Recent

Fires

Ejigu Solomon

In late October to early November, southern California suffered major fires that have caused significant damage. Comparative water quality results show that there is adverse impact on water quality as a result of the burn that includes elevated levels of metals, pH, and sediments. In Region 4, acres of land lost to the fires break down as follows:

- Ventura unincorporated – 78,324
- Simi Valley – 4,740
- Moorpark – 3,044
- Santa Paula – 167
- N. LA County – 21,297

Since October, Regional Board staff has been communicating with local jurisdictions and permittees, to ensure that those permitted sites that sustained severe losses are taking reasonable measures to implement sediment and erosion controls.

Underground Storage Tank Program

Completion of Corrective Action at Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Sites

Yue Rong

Regional Board staff have reviewed corrective actions taken for soil and/or groundwater contamination problems from leaking underground storage tanks for the time of **November 17, 2003** through **December 31, 2003**, and determined that no further corrective actions are required for the following sites:

- Shell Service Station, Los Angeles (900080061)
- Former Shell Service Station, Baldwin Park (917060025A)
- Former Service Station, Santa Monica (902910234)
- Arco Service Station No. 6063, Woodland Hills (913670443)
- City of Beverly Hills, Transfer Station, Beverly Hills (R-12019)
- City of Beverly Hills, Maintenance Yard, Beverly Hills (I-12012)
- Sunland Street Maintenance Yard, Sunland (910400352)
- Angelus Shoe Polish, Culver City (R-07221)
- Los Angeles Development Commission, Los Angeles (R-38466)
- Former Certified Grocers, Commerce (R-26599)
- Grace Shell Station No. 204-1741-0204, Compton (908060116)
- Westland Heating & Air Conditioning, Los Angeles (900650098)

Charnock Sub-basin MTBE Cleanup

Weixing Tong/Jay Huang

On November 21, 2003, the City of Santa Monica and three oil companies (Shell Oil, ChevronTexaco, and ExxonMobil) reached a settlement that promises the construction of a treatment plant to restore the drinking water supply to the residents of Santa Monica from the Charnock Sub-Basin within five years from now. In 1996, the discovery of MTBE contamination of the City of Santa Monica's Charnock wellfield resulted in shutdown of the wellfield and consequently a loss of over 6 million gallons per day of groundwater supply – an amount equal to approximately half of the City's daily water demand.

Since 1996, this Regional Board, working along with EPA, has diligently investigated and overseen cleanup the regional and site-specific contamination. As of December of 2003, a total of 294 million gallon of groundwater in the Charnock Sub-Basin Investigation Area have been treated.

A total of 1,825 pounds of MTBE have been removed from groundwater and 4,165 pounds of MTBE from soil. In addition, 13,073 pounds of gasoline have been removed from groundwater and 190,267 pounds from soil (see the table below).

PRP #	Site Name	Soil Remediation			Groundwater Remediation			
		TPHg lb	Benzene lb	MTBE Lb	TPHg lb	Benzene lb	MTBE lb	Water million gal
4	Arco Station #1246	57,300	1,065	23				
6	Former Conoco station	3,977	37	0				
7	Former Unocal Station #3016	24,019	60	84	0.8	0.004	1	0.765
8	Mobil Station # 18-FX5	14,564	85	305	1,078	3	1	41
10	Chevron Station #9-0561	2,995	11	34			0.124	0.161
11	Shell Station # 204-1944-0100	4,551	31	107	11,994	594.5	1,823	252
12	Winall #18	14,665	99	1,937				
15	Former Powergas station	16,320	60	930				
23	former Thrifty #247	51,876	630	745				
	Total	190,267	2,078	4,165	13,073	597.5	1,825	294

To date, site-specific cleanup is still ongoing. The construction of the treatment plant combining with source site cleanup will ensure the full restoration of groundwater production from Charnock Sub-Basin.

For more information on the Charnock Sub-Basin cleanup, visit

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/programs/ust/charnock_mtbe.html. Or www.epa.gov/region09/charnock.

Surface Water Division

Watershed Regulatory

Power Plants – Impingement and Entrainment Issues

Tony Rizk

At the July 10, 2003 California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) meeting, the Regional Board directed staff to convene a working group to discuss entrainment and impingement impacts from coastal electric generating stations in our region.

The first informal meeting took place on Thursday, August 28, 2003, at the Regional Board office, and was reported in the October Executive Officer Report.

The second meeting was a day-long mini-workshop that took place on Thursday, December 11, 2003. The meeting attendees included representatives from:

- Heal the Bay and the Santa Monica Bay Keeper (environmental groups),
- Reliant Energy, Dynegy-NRG, Los Angeles DWP, AES Corporation (all nine coastal generating stations) and their consultants,
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA),
- Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC), and
- Los Angeles Regional Board staff (Regional Board).

The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) presented to the group recent development and EPRI research on technologies for compliance with the 316(b) Revised Rule for existing facilities. The group discussions focused on:

1. Impingement and entrainment baseline determination and compliance metrics;
2. Overview of Best Technologies Available (BTA);
3. Overview of current research and demonstration projects for promising/new technologies funded by EPRI, EPA, and independent research laboratories;
4. Specific performance data and actual costs of implementation of mitigation technologies, including re-circulating cooling towers, aquatic filter barriers, intake screen modifications, and aquatic organisms behavior modifications; and
5. Specific performance data and actual costs of implementation of offset mitigation, including options for habitat restoration and fish restocking.

The last working group meeting was held on January 14, 2004 where the EPA authors of the Revised 316(b) Rule presented, via video conference from Washington, D.C., the latest update on Rule development and promulgation.

Regional Programs

Standards and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

Status of Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacteria TMDL Implementation

Renee DeShazo

Responsible jurisdictions and agencies within the SMB watershed have been working on a number of compliance requirements related to the Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacteria (SMBBB) TMDLs, since the TMDLs became effective in July 2003. Even before the TMDLs went into effect, the Regional Board along with the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles and Loyola Marymount University jointly sponsored a workshop on May 29, 2003 to discuss the responsibilities of the jurisdictions and agencies and strategies for complying with the SMBBB TMDLs. Over 70 individuals attended the workshop including those from responsible jurisdictions and agencies identified in the TMDL, consulting firms, environmental organizations, and academia. Following this workshop, a number of jurisdictional groups and committees formed and began meeting on a regular basis. These include (1) jurisdictional groups as defined in the Wet Weather TMDL; (2) a Technical Steering Committee (TSC), responsible for overseeing the development of a coordinated shoreline monitoring plan for the SMBBB TMDLs; and (3) an Ad Hoc Committee, providing a forum to exchange implementation ideas and discuss issues of concern among all responsible jurisdictions and agencies in the TMDL.

Jurisdictions and agencies have focused their efforts on meeting the requirements to submit a coordinated shoreline monitoring plan for both TMDLs within 120 days of the effective date. This entailed discussing and coming to consensus on a myriad of issues, including monitoring locations, sampling frequency, analytical methods, data management as well as cost sharing. Regional Board staff has attended monthly meetings of the TSC since July 2003 to provide guidance on the development of the plan. The jurisdictions and other responsible agencies submitted a proposed plan to the Regional Board on November 12, 2003. Regional Board staff formally transmitted comments on the proposed plan to the TSC via a letter signed by the Executive Officer. A revised, final plan will likely be submitted to the Regional Board by early February. Monitoring should begin April 1, 2004.

Jurisdictions and agencies also met the 120-day requirement to identify the ownership and status of potential discharges to Santa Monica Bay.

Regional Board staff is currently reviewing these submittals and will be requesting additional information, as necessary.

With regard to the requirement to develop implementation plans (under the Wet Weather TMDL), following are some highlights of what selected jurisdictional groups have accomplished.

Jurisdictional Groups 2 and 3 (Primary Jurisdictions are the City of Los Angeles and Santa Monica, respectively)

(1) Hired a consulting team, CH:CDM, to help the City develop the SMBBB TMDL Implementation Plan that is due 20 months from July 15, 2003 effective date. The plan will concentrate on maximizing the reuse of stormwater runoff.

(2) Currently, the CH:CDM team is collecting and analyzing hydrological data from the jurisdictional agencies and perform the various tasks to develop the Implementation Plan. CH:CDM is working on the hydrology study, beneficial use options, treatment and source control options, collection system evaluation and facilities sitings. Workshops are also being developed to present initial findings, receive feedback and input, and present BMP solutions.

Jurisdictional Groups 1 and 4 (Primary Jurisdictions are the County of Los Angeles and City of Malibu, respectively)

Jurisdictional Groups 1 and 4 are working closely together on drafting a scope of work to hire a consultant to assist in preparing the implementation plan. The agencies intend to issue an RFP in January 2004. Thus far, Los Angeles County, the City of Malibu, Ventura County and Caltrans have agreed to work cooperatively on the development of a collaborative implementation plan focusing on an integrated water resources approach. Los Angeles County and the City of Malibu are working on a draft cooperative financial agreement between these parties for the development of the implementation plan. The other responsible agencies within these jurisdictional groups intend to draft their own separate implementation plans for these subwatersheds.

Malibu Creek Bacteria TMDLs

Rod Collins

The revised draft Malibu Creek Bacteria TMDL was released for public comment on December 5, 2003. Written public comments will be accepted through January 20, 2004. The revised TMDL staff report and Basin Plan amendment reflects staff's responses to comments on the October 10, 2003 draft TMDL.

The major revisions to the TMDL include: (1) striking Attachment B to the Basin Plan amendment, which would have revised the Santa Monica Bay Beaches TMDL to extend the compliance date for summer dry-weather allocations at three Malibu Beaches, (2) revising Attachment A to require compliance of summer dry-weather allocations for Malibu Creek and Lagoon within 3 years instead of 6 years. However, the proposed draft Basin Plan amendment would allow the Executive Officer to extend the compliance date to 6 years based on a request from the responsible jurisdictions and agencies and supporting documentation (3) designating State Parks as a responsible agency but limiting State Parks' responsibility to performing a study of bacteria loadings in the Lagoon resulting from birds, water quality monitoring, and compliance with load allocations from anthropogenic sources on State Parks' property (e.g., onsite wastewater treatment systems), (4) clarifications of the respective responsibilities of each responsible jurisdiction and responsible agency, (5) clarification of the types of monitoring and studies to be performed and the criteria to be re-assessed by the Regional Board, 3 years after the effective date of the TMDL, and (6) the Basin Plan amendment allows for an integrated water resources approach but does not provide for an extension of the wet-weather compliance date when an integrated water resources approach is applied. The Regional Board is scheduled to conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of the revised draft TMDL on January 29, 2004.

Non Point Source

Grant Programs/Funding

NPS Staff participated in Phase III full proposal review panel on December 8-12 in Sacramento and San Diego. The purpose of the panel was to prepare a recommended funding list to the Selection Committee. Grant coordinators from the other regional boards, state board representative and Cal-Fed staff participated in the deliberations. Fifteen out of the twenty-five submitted full proposals have been tentatively selected for funding. Applicants will be officially notified by SWRCB if they are selected for funding within the month.

SWRCB has posted on grants and funding opportunities, which can be accessed at:
<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/index.html>

NPS Staff continues scope of work deliberations with contracts that were awarded Phase II Proposition 13 funds. Of the 23 Phase II proposals approved for funding in 2002, half of the contracts are still being negotiated between the proponent and State and Regional Board staff. These negotiations must be completed by the end of March 2004.

SWRCB has posted on the web-site relevant information on the Request for Proposals (RFP) step 2 process, which can be accessed at:
<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/consolidgrantstep2.html>.

NPS Staff continues scope of work deliberations with contracts that were awarded Phase I/II Proposition 13 funds.

Fire Policy

Staff began in-house discussion to address water quality issues pertinent to post-conflagration regulatory site and activity management by responsible agencies. Fire activities have been largely unregulated due to their emergency status.

Environmental aftermath of fires contributes to water quality impairments from increased land movement, siltation, sedimentation, and air, land and water deposition of contaminants from natural and synthetic sources.

Staff participated in an emergency and subsequent in-house discussions with NonPoint Source, TMDL and Stormwater staff for developing policy on this topic.

Agriculture Policy

Staff presented the proposed agriculture policy to the Board on December 4, 2003. The draft policy was well-received by members present, representatives of the agriculture and environmental communities.

Staff will continue to develop and refine policy to present a Board Workshop in Spring 2004. Staff continues to participate in in-house discussions with other Regional Boards in preparation of the policy. Staff met with agricultural leaders from Ventura County to discuss suggestions and concerns, ultimately leading to industry support of the proposed policy.

Hydromodification Policy

Staff held preliminary discussions with the Basin Planning group regarding hydromodification policy for Region 4 that had previously been presented as an information item at the October 2003 board meeting. A follow up meeting has been scheduled later in the month to resolve remaining issues.

Hansen Dam

The final Section 401 Water Quality Certification for was approved by the Executive Officer on November 21, 2003.

The Los Angeles District of the US Army Corps of Engineers, filed a Petition for Reconsideration of Executive Officer's Final Order WQ 03-160 and "After the Fact" Conditional Certification for the Removal of Fill in the Hansen Dam Lower Lakes. The Corp's petition is being considered for review by the State Board. In the mean time, staff has been working with the Corps for submittal of additional impact information.

LACDPW Reservoir Excavation Projects

San Dimas

The water quality reports have been handed in on a monthly basis with weekly email notifications of the sampling values. The Christmas Day storm has forced Public Works to close the gates on the dam and suspend cleanout operations until the end of the storm season. Cleanout activities will start again after April 15, 2004.

Big Dalton

The water quality reports have been handed in on a monthly basis with weekly email notifications of the sampling values. The Christmas Day storm has forced Public Works to close the gates on the dam and suspend cleanout operations until the end of the storm season. Cleanout activities will start again after April 15, 2004.

San Gabriel Reservoir

In order to provide adequate flood protection, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works proposes to remove 5 –12 million cubic yards (mcy) of sediment within the next five years from the San Gabriel Reservoir. The Supplemental Environmental Impact Report documenting their proposal was certified on October 21, 2003. A 401 Water Quality Certification was issued December 29, 2003. Public Works is currently accepting bids on the cleanout project until January 13, 2004. The project is expected to be awarded by February 2004 and cleanout to begin by Summer 2004. The purpose of the routine sediment removal regime is to provide flood protection for San Gabriel Valley residents and increase the volume of water conserved for groundwater recharge without impacting downhill resources. No routine cleanout has been performed since the San Gabriel Reservoir was sluiced in 1992.

LACDPW Debris Basin Cleanouts (115 Basins)

A 401 Water Quality Certification has been issued for the County to perform maintenance and remove sediment from 115 debris basins. The maintenance will primarily involve excavation, land clearing and vegetation removal activities to restore the basins to their original design elevations.

Due to recent wildfires, the County has requested emergency clean-out of certain basins before the commencement of heavy rains.

The frequency of clean-outs will be dependent upon watershed conditions, including previous occurrence of brush fires and subsequent vegetative recovery, occurrence and magnitude of winter rains. Continued maintenance and excavation is needed at these facilities for the protection of the public and prevention of damage and loss of life.

County of Los Angeles Channel Clearing (99-011)

The County has notified Regional Board staff that the majority of their Channel I Clearing Activities for this season have been completed. Regional Board staff received a minor complaint for the County's Clearing Activities in Bouquet Creek. The complaint was investigated and found to be a misunderstanding.

Sunshine Canyon Landfill

A 401 Water Quality Certification has been drafted and will be presented during the January 29th Board meeting. The certification will need approval for the impacts to wetlands associated with the landfill expansion project. Mitigation has been proposed at the Chatsworth Reservoir for the impacts associated with the project and Regional Board staff will be investigating other mitigation options in the vicinity of the landfill.

Newhall Land Project

During the month of December, a meeting was held for the Newhall Land Project. The primary purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the proposed project alternatives and determine which alternatives would be analyzed in the EIS/EIR.

General WDRs for Small Activities

The proposed General WDRs would permit discharges of dredged or fill material to waters deemed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) to be outside of its jurisdiction and therefore not subject to section 404 of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA). In general, these are waters found to be "isolated" or "above the ordinary high water line."

Besides being outside of federal jurisdiction, dredged or fill discharges would have to meet the following size criteria to be eligible for coverage under the General WDRs:

1. Excavation and fill projects must result in less than two-tenths of an acre and less than 400 linear feet of permanent or temporary impact.
2. Dredging projects must consist of less than 50 cubic yards of dredged material.

Projects that may be covered under the General WDRs include land development, detention basins, disposal of dredged material, bank stabilization, revetment, channelization, and other similar projects. Each Regional Water Quality Control Board will have authority to determine the eligibility of specific discharges in its region for enrollment under the General WDRs.

Watershed Management

Santa Clara River Watershed

A public review draft of the Santa Clara River Enhancement and Management Plan (SCREMP) will be available in January or February of this year. The SCREMP addresses management of the 500-year floodplain of the main river corridor. Hardcopies of the SCREMP will be available at Los Angeles and Ventura Counties government offices as well as on a website to be developed. Related to the SCREMP, Clean Water Act Section 205(j) grant monies have been awarded to the Ventura County Watershed Protection District for development of a river monitoring plan. Additionally, an Army Corps of Engineers-sponsored watershed-wide planning effort will begin which will follow up on the intensive effort put into river corridor planning.

In 1994, a pipeline over the Santa Clara River ruptured during the Northridge Earthquake and spilled crude oil. Funds from a settlement for natural resources damages are being administered by the Santa Clara River Trustee Council which is made up of representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and California Department of Fish and Game. The Council has announced the availability of \$1.5 million to fund ecological restoration projects in the Santa Clara River Watershed through a grant program. Pre-proposal deadlines are February 2 and June 14. Additional information may be obtained at <http://ventura.fws.gov/santaclarariver.html> or by contacting Kate Symonds, Restoration Grant Coordinator, at kate_symonds@rl.fws.gov.

Los Angeles River Watershed

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

The Watershed Council is a consortium of government agencies, community and environmental groups, business and academia who organized both to resolve and prevent problems in the watershed in a cooperative, collaborative manner.

Formation of the Watershed Council grew out of a conference held in 1995 to discuss how to initiate and/or implement watershed management objectives in the greater Los Angeles Area. Stakeholders in attendance agreed to continue meeting and begin a multi-purpose cooperative watershed management process that is open to the public. The Council's website is at <http://www.lasgrwc.org>.

The Watershed Council has published a document entitled, "Beneficial Uses of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers." Copies may be obtained by contacting the Watershed Council's offices at 213-367-4111. The Watershed Council is also producing a document entitled, "Water Supply and Management in the Los Angeles Area" which is currently being circulated as a draft for public comment.

The Watershed Council was awarded Proposition 13 grant funds from the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a Compton Creek Watershed Management Plan. Compton Creek is a tributary to the lower Los Angeles River. A steering committee is being formed which will likely meet bimonthly over this year.

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), in partnership with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), was awarded Proposition 13 grant funds from the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a Rio Hondo Watershed Management Plan. The Rio Hondo is a major subwatershed draining to the Los Angeles River. A public advisory committee for the Management Plan development first met in May 2003. The group's next meeting is scheduled for February 3.

Once the Plan is completed in 2004, it is anticipated that the RMC will adopt it as part of their Rivers and Tributaries Greenway Plan. A website for the watershed management planning process is at http://www.rmc.ca.gov/rio_hondo/rh_index.html.

Information about the Arroyo Seco, a major tributary to the Los Angeles River, may be found at the Arroyo Seco Foundation's website <http://www.arroyoseco.org/>.

The Friends of the LA River is a nonprofit organization formed in 1986 in support of Los Angeles River restoration activities. More information about the organization may be found at <http://www.folar.org/>.

San Gabriel River Watershed

A “State of the Watershed” report is available for the San Gabriel River Watershed which was prepared by Regional Board staff in 2000. The report describes the watershed, with its many diversion structures and recharge areas, and summarizes available water quality data in a manner easily understood by the layperson. The complete set of data evaluated for the report (as well as the report itself) is available electronically by contacting Shirley Birosik at sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov. The report can also be downloaded in its entirety by accessing the Regional Board’s website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4> and clicking on “Watersheds” on the left side-bar which leads to a clickable map of the region’s watersheds for information specific to each one. Hardcopies of the report are also available.

There are ongoing meetings being held for planning of a San Gabriel River Education Center which may be built in the Whittier Narrows area. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:00 PM at the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District offices.

In 1999, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Public Works (in cooperation with the County Departments of Parks and Recreation and Regional Planning) to prepare a San Gabriel River Master Plan. The National Park Service through its Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program will assist in the development effort.

All river stakeholders have been invited to participate. The Master Plan will be a consensus-based document that will recognize and address River issues and concerns of the stakeholders. It will include areas within existing rights of way from Morris Dam in the San Gabriel Mountains to the River’s outlet in Seal Beach. The Master Plan will identify project opportunities for: enhancements for recreation, open space, and habitat areas; restoration; preservation of the River’s natural resources; maintaining flood protection and existing water rights. The Master Plan effort will be coordinated with the activities of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountain Conservancy. A consultant is preparing the document, with stakeholder input, and a public review draft is expected to be ready shortly. Information on the Master Plan effort may be found at <http://ladpw.org/pln/sgrmp/>. A new website dedicated to all aspects of the Master Plan is in development.

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) has produced a Guiding Principles Watershed and Open Space Plan which may be obtained at <http://www.rmc.ca.gov/>. Meeting notices

for the Conservancy’s Board are also on the website. The Conservancy is an independent State agency within the Resources Agency of the State of California established by state law in 1999. Its jurisdiction includes the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills. It was established to preserve urban open space and habitats in order to provide for low-impact recreation and educational uses, wildlife and habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvements within its jurisdiction. Approaches for implementation of the Open Space Plan are now under discussion with award of pass-through grant funds a major early focus.

The Friends of the San Gabriel River is an active stakeholder in the watershed and their website is at <http://www.sangabrielriver.org/>.

The San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy (SGMRC) is a private, nonprofit, collaborative organization established in 1997. The SGMRC was awarded a Proposition 13 Watershed Protection Grant by the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a watershed plan for the three sub-watersheds above Whittier Narrows: San Jose Creek, Walnut Creek, and the Upper San Gabriel River. Watershed Workshops, Issue Forums, and a Technical Advisory Committee will meet throughout the process to develop the Watershed Plan. The next Watershed Workshop is scheduled for April 14. More information may be found on their website at <http://www.sgmrc.org/>.

Calleguas Creek Watershed

The Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan Committee was convened in 1996 to initiate development of a comprehensive watershed management plan. A large group of stakeholders, including federal, state, and local agencies, landowners, businesses, and nonprofit organizations are represented. An Executive Steering Committee, consisting of a much smaller group of stakeholders, guides the day-to-day activities of the watershed group. Subcommittees have changed through time but currently target Water Resources/ Water Quality, Flood Protection and Sediment Management, Habitat/Open Space/ Recreation, Land Use, Public Outreach/Education, and Agriculture. Subcommittees generally meet monthly or bimonthly. The Management Plan Committee as a whole is currently focusing its attention on TMDL work in the watershed. Information about the management committee and its subcommittees as well as documents and meeting dates can be found at <http://www.calleguas.com/ccbrochure/cc.htm>.

The Water Quality/Water Resources Subcommittee is closely involved with the Board's TMDLs in the watershed with a focus on the salts TMDL. The subcommittee is also working on identification of surface and groundwater quality/quantity issues, determination of the feasibility of a regional salinity management project, and evaluation of candidate cooperative local programs for managing the use and re-use of water.

The Flood Protection/Sedimentation Subcommittee is responsible for developing a hydrologic computer model to simulate various conditions in the Watershed, developing a runoff management strategy to establish standards to reduce runoff amounts, establishing uniform hydrologic criteria and methodology, identifying deficiencies in existing and potential for future flood and sediment control facilities, developing a plan for flood water conservation/re-use, and addressing beach nourishment issues. This subcommittee is the lead for completing a workplan for developing historic pesticides/PCBs and bacteria TMDLs.

The Public Outreach/Education Subcommittee is involved with organization of a stakeholder outreach program to be implemented in the upcoming months.

A Land Use Subcommittee includes representatives from local planning agencies. The collection and utilization of land use data (GIS-based) continues to be a major task of the group as well as taking the lead on coordinating implementation of proposed management plan action recommendations.

The Habitat/Recreation Subcommittee has completed Geographic Information Systems (GIS) habitat mapping of the Watershed, and developed a Watershed Evaluation Study identifying conflict and opportunity areas for habitat restoration and conservation. The subcommittee is also developing a habitat management strategy and restoration guidelines, a focused trails plan and a model for feasibility evaluation of proposed wetland restoration projects. A previous work product, funded by the California Coastal Conservancy, is the Watershed Wetlands Restoration Plan which is available at <http://www.calleguas.com/ccbrochure/cc.htm>. This subcommittee is the lead for completing a workplan for developing metals TMDLs.

The Agriculture Subcommittee is the lead for a workplan for developing toxicity-related TMDLs.

Ventura River Watershed

A "State of the Watershed" report for the Ventura River Watershed has recently been finalized by Regional Board staff. The report describes the watershed and summarizes available water quality data in a manner easily understood by the layperson. The complete set of data evaluated for the report (as well as the report itself) is available electronically by contacting Shirley Birosik at sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov. The report can also be downloaded in its entirety by accessing the Regional Board's website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4> and clicking on "Watersheds" on the left side-bar which leads to a clickable map of the region's watersheds for information specific to each one. Hardcopies are also available.

An Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study is ongoing in the watershed. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Ventura County Flood Control District are the major partners in this effort which will evaluate, among other options, the feasibility of restoring the ecosystem through removal of Matilija Dam. More information may be obtained on the website <http://www.matilijadam.org/>.

The Matilija Coalition is a local group committed to removal of Matilija Dam and subsequent ecosystem restoration. More information about the group may be found at <http://www.matilija-coalition.org/>.

Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area – Malibu Creek Watershed

The Malibu Creek Watershed Executive and Advisory Council have met on a bimonthly basis for many years and is concerned with a variety of human health and habitat issues.

Current active committees/task forces under the Council include those focusing on habitat/species, monitoring/water quality, education, and Rindge Dam. The Council's Malibu Lagoon Task Force has recently begun to actively meet again in due to active lagoon restoration planning now underway.

The Watershed Council last met on January 20 and included a report on subcommittee activities. Minutes from previous meetings, agendas for future meetings, and information about the watershed may be found on the Council's website at <http://www.malibuwatershed.org/>.

A Malibu Creek Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study is underway. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and California Department of Parks and Recreation are the major partners in this effort which will evaluate, among other options, the feasibility of restoring the ecosystem through removal of Rindge Dam. The technical advisory group last met on August 23, 2002.

Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area – Topanga Creek Watershed

A watershed committee has been meeting in the Topanga Creek Watershed since 1998. This group was formed as a follow-up to the Topanga Canyon Floodplain Management Citizens' Advisory Committee which produced a draft Topanga Creek Watershed Management Plan in 1996.

A major goal of the watershed committee has been to prioritize potential watershed protection actions previously identified, and participate in a coordinated resource management planning (CRMP) process. A watershed management plan was finalized in 2002. The Committee will continue work on implementation of actions identified in the Management Plan. The group last met on January 15. Their website address is <http://www.TopangaOnline.com/twc/>.

The group's Technical and Landowners Advisory Committee provides oversight for watershed restoration studies that will help develop design parameters for possible restoration of the Topanga Lagoon and select stretches of the creek. A finalized restoration feasibility study was released in 2002. A consultant has completed engineering design work for the highest priority restoration activities identified in the study. The Committee's last meeting was on December 2, 2003.

Dominguez Watershed

The Dominguez Watershed includes the waters of Dominguez Channel, Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbors, Machado Lake, and the land areas draining into them.

The Dominguez Watershed Advisory Council was formed in February 2001 and meets on a monthly basis to conduct a variety of tasks including development of a Watershed Management Master Plan aimed at protecting and improving the environment and beneficial uses of the watershed. Proposition 13 funding (\$200,000) was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board for the LA County Department of Public Works to work on a watershed plan. Many members of the group are interested in participating in Regional Board TMDL work in the watershed. Subcommittees have been formed to address detailed technical issues.

A list of potential implementation projects/programs is currently being developed. Meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of each month; however, the most recent meeting was held on January 15.

The group's website is at <http://ladpw.org/wmd/watershed/dc/>.

A Harbor Regional Park Task Force was formed and began meeting in October 2002, led by the City of Los Angeles' Department of Recreation and Parks, to address various issues affecting the park (which includes Machado Lake) including concerns over water quality, mosquitoes, and wildlife, among others. Five subcommittees were formed to focus on certain areas: capital improvements, water, education, vegetation management, and security and enforcement. A website for the group is being developed.

Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project

The Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project (WRP) is a partnership of public agencies working cooperatively to acquire, restore, and enhance coastal wetlands and watersheds between Point Conception and the International border with Mexico. Using a non-regulatory approach and an ecosystem perspective, the WRP works to identify wetland acquisition and restoration priorities, prepare plans for these priority sites, pool funds to undertake these projects, implement priority plans, and oversee post-project maintenance and monitoring.

The WRP is headed by a Board of Governors comprised of top officials from each of the participating agencies. The Southern California Wetlands Managers Group and the Public Advisory Committee serve as advisory committees to the Board. The Wetlands Managers Group is responsible for drafting the regional restoration plan and advising the Governing Board on regional acquisition, restoration, and enhancement priorities.

The WRP has also established a panel of scientists to advise on regional goals, specific objectives, project criteria, and priorities. Governing Board meetings are public and are noticed at least 10 days prior to each meeting. If you sign up on the [Wetlands Project email list](#), you will receive email notification of all board meetings. The last Board of Governors meeting was held on September 24, 2003.

County Task Forces help solicit projects for consideration for WRP funding by the Managers Group and Board of Governors. The program provides funding for acquisition, restoration, and enhancement projects for coastal wetlands and watersheds in Southern California.

Both the Ventura and Los Angeles County Task Forces have Education Subcommittees which are looking to build on existing education programs while identifying gaps to be filled. The WRP has begun seeking applications for its small grants program for this year.

The County Task Forces will be the first reviewers of proposals in the process. Application information for this year will be on the WRP's website (listed below) shortly.

The WRP also has a Science Advisory Panel (SAP) and a wetlands ecologist who acts as liaison with the SAP. Recent activities have focused on coordination with a statewide effort to develop methods for rapid assessment of wetlands. A paper on the habitat value of treatment wetlands has also been written and is available on the WRP's website.

A soon-to-be-completed contract between Environment Now on behalf of the WRP and the State Water Resources Control Board has resulted in a number of useful and interesting products including maps and reports. These may be found at <http://www.lasgrwc.org/WRP.htm>.

Minutes from previous meetings, publications, and other information about the group, including how to obtain funding, may be found on their website at <http://www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov/scwrp/index.html>.

Watershed Management Initiative Chapter

Each Regional Board has updated a "chapter" on an annual basis which describes which describes the Region's watersheds and their priority water quality issues. The last update occurred at the end of December 2001. The consolidated statewide document is the basis for many funding decisions including allocating money for monitoring, TMDL development, and grant monies disbursement. Future updates will occur on an as-needed basis. Hardcopies of this Region's current Chapter (as well as Appendices) may be obtained by contacting the Regional Board office, Regional Programs Section secretary, at 213-576-6619. The updated document may also be obtained electronically (in MSWord97) by contacting Shirley Birosik, Watershed Coordinator, at 213-576-6679 or sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov. It can also be downloaded in its entirety by accessing the Regional Board's website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4> and clicking on "Watersheds" on the left side-bar. In addition, "Watersheds" will lead to a clickable map of the region's watersheds for information specific to each one.

Funding

Information on a wide variety of funding sources is available on the Regional Board website under "Watersheds" at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4> in the "Related Links" pull-down menu.

Personnel

As of January 29, 2004 our staff total is 153: 133 technical staff (including 4 part-time staff), 9 permanent analytical staff and 11 permanent clerical staff.

The following separated from Region 4:

Heesu Park, Water Resource Control Engineer, separated from State service effective 12/31/03.

Hoan Tang, Environmental Scientist, separated from State service effective 01/20/04.

Outreach Activities

Regional Board Continues to Host MBA Student Interns from China

Yi Lu/Yue Rong

For the past several years, the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program of the Regional Board has been hosting an international internship program to accommodate interns from a Chinese Master of Business Administration (MBA) program administrated by the SINOPEC, a state-owned petroleum and chemical company in China. The MBA Program offers a two-year studying program for future managers of SINOPEC, and sends the students at the end of two years study to western countries for a real life hands-on internship for a minimum 8 weeks.

This year, two interns from SINOPEC started their internship at the Regional Board in early November. Mr. Ning (James) Zhang, with an engineering degree in petroleum and chemical production, is a project manager of SINOPEC's Economic and Technological Research Institute. Mr. Dong (Michael) Xiang, with an engineering degree in petroleum exploration and development, is the general manager of Henan Petroleum Nigeria Company Limited. Both interns are given assignments in different departments within the Regional Board. The internship will last until the middle of January 2004.

NPS staff attended various meetings/workshops including, but not limed to the following:

- November 20, 2003, **Critical Coastal Areas Statewide Committee (CCA) Meeting, San Francisco, California**
Staff participated in the Critical Coastal Areas Statewide Committee via phone. Items discussed include potential funding opportunities for CCA, pilot project selection process, and revisions to the State of CCA report. Participating agencies included, State Water Resources Control Board, various Regional Boards, Department of Boating and Waterways and the California Costal Commision,
- December 2, 2003. **Rio Hondo Watershed Plan Stakeholder Meeting, Alhambra, California**
Staff participated in separate meeting held by the Rio Hondo Watershed group for the agencies and cities involved with the planning of the Rio Hondo Watershed Plan. Iteams discussed included cities being proactive in and understanding existing regulations and upcoming Total Maximum Daily Loads. The meeting provided a forum for an exchange of ideas on what is and not working.

Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) Program

As of November 15, 2003, the Regional Board has received 14 new applications for Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) actions. Currently, 49 applications are still being processed. The following certification actions have been issued since the preparation of the last Executive Officers Report:

DATE	APPLICANT	PROJECT	ACTION
11/19/03	City of Long Beach	Alamitos Bay Marina Upgrade and Expansion	Modification of Conditional Certification
11/21/03	Army Corps of Engineers	Fill Activities at Hansen Dam	"After the Fact" Conditional Certification
11/26/03	Caltrans	Sand Filter Modification-Foothill Maintenance Station	Water Quality Certification
11/26/03	Delrahim Auto Facility	Canwood and Reyes Adobe Parcel	Revised Conditional Certification
11/26/03	Navy Base Ventura	NOTS Pier Replacement	Conditional Certification
12/1/03	Caltrans	Shoreline Protection Replacement-Route 101 (PM 43.1)	Modification of Conditional Certification
12/11/03	Caltrans	Replacement of 101 Bridge over Santa Clara River	Revised Conditional Certification
12/11/03	Caltrans	Solstice Creek Fish Passage	Conditional Certification
12/11/03	Newhall Water District	Pinetree Sewer Repair	Conditional Certification
12/11/03	Department of Water Resources	Ventura County Well Destruction	Conditional Certification
12/12/03	Caltrans	Replacement of 101 Bridge over Santa Clara River	Conditional Certification
12/23/03	Arlen Robert Diamond	Diamond Boat Dock	Standard Certification
12/29/03	City of LA	Dry Canyon Creek Culvert Restoration	Conditional Certification
12/29/03	LACDPW	San Gabriel Reservoir Dry Excavation Cleanout	Conditional Certification
12/29/03	Calleguas Creek Municipal Water District	Moorpark Pump Station-Las Posas Basin Aquifer and Storage Recovery	Conditional Certification
12/29/03	Claremont Hills, LLC	Claremont Hills Sediment Entrapment Basins Maintenance	Water Quality Certification

Program Class "Maj.": - Comprehensive inspection, samples taken (A)

Program Class "Min.": - A routine non-sampling inspection (B)

Enforcement Unit NPDES Facility Inspections – December 2003

<i>Discharger</i>	<i>Facility Name</i>	<i>CI No.</i>	<i>Order No</i>	<i>Program Class</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>NPDES No</i>	<i>Inspection Date</i>
El Segundo Power, L.L.C.	El Segundo Generating Station	4667	00-084	MAJ	301 Vista Del Mar	EL SEGUNDO	CA0001147	12/1/03
Los Angeles County San Dist	Long Beach WWRP, NPDES	5662	95-076	MAJ	7400 E. Willow St	LONG BEACH	CA0054119	12/3/03
Thousand Oaks City Of DPW	Hill Canyon WWRP, NPDES	4917	97-123	MAJ	9600 Santa Rosa Rd	CAMARILLO	CA0056294	12/3/03
AES Alamos, L.L.C.	Alamos Generating Station	6113	00-082	MAJ	690 Studebaker Rd	LONG BEACH	CA0001139	12/10/03
Ojai Valley San Dist	Ojai Valley WWTP, NPDES	4245	96-041	MAJ	6363 N. Ventura Ave	VENTURA (CORPORATE NAME SAN BUENAVENTURA)	CA0053961	12/10/03
San Buenaventura City Of	Ventura WWRP, NPDES	1822	00-143	MAJ	1400 Spinnaker Dr	VENTURA (CORPORATE NAME SAN BUENAVENTURA)	CA0053651	12/17/03
S. K. Management	Apartment at Detroit St.	7061	97-045	MIN	435 Detroit St	LOS ANGELES	CAG994001	12/17/03
S. K. Management	The Monet	7062	97-045	MIN	630 Hauser St	LOS ANGELES	CAG994001	12/17/03

"Attachment B"

General NPDES Permit Authorization/Revision and Termination November 2003

	<u>General Permit type and Facility name & Location</u>	Date of Coverage	Date of Revision	Date of Termination
A	NPDES CAG994001 (Order No. 97-045) Dewatering (no treatment)			
1	Long Beach Water Department, Commission 24 and 25 Water Wells, Heartwell and Warlow Parks, Long Beach	11/4/03		
2	Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Holly Cross Cemetery Well No. AA, 5835 W. Slauson Avenue, Culver City			11/13/03
3	Edgemont Management, Llc, Apartment Building, 433 S. Lake Street, Los Angeles			11/20/03
4	Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1, Well No. 20, Grimes Canyon Road and Championship Drive, Moorpark			11/20/03
5	Gramercy Apartment Limited Partnership, 735 Gramercy Road, Los Angeles			11/25/03
6	Valencia Water Company, Water Well No. 11, S/W of McBean Parkway and Copperhill Drive, Valencia			11/25/03
B	NPDES CAG994002 (Order No. 97-043) Dewatering (treatment required)			
1	Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Calvary Cemetery Well, 4201 Whittier Boulevard, Los Angeles			11/13/03

C.	NPDES CAG994004 (Order No. R4-2003-0111) Construction & Project Dewatering			
1	Equitable City Center, 3435 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles	11/4/03		
2	Warner Center Tower Three, 21650 Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills	11/4/03		
3	Warner Center Tower Six, 21700 Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills	11/4/03		
4	City of Beverly Hills, Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant, 345 Foothill Road, Beverly Hills	11/5/03		
5	LB Property Management, Office Building, 10495 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles	11/4/03		
6	MPI, Ltd., Wilshire/La Cienega Building, 8501 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills	11/5/03		
7	Dokken Engineering Bouquet Canyon Bridge Widening Project, Santa Clarita	11/5/03		
8	Padre Associates, Inc., City of Oxnard Redwood Trunk Sewer Project, Oxnard	11/5/03		
9	Rodeo Owner Corporation, 9480 Dayton Way, Beverly Hills	11/05/03		
10	The Port of Long Beach, Pier G/J Terminal Development Project, Long Beach	11/7/03		
11	Braille Institute of America, 741 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles	11/12/03		
12	PMG Tiffany Ltd., Tiffany Court Apartments, 616 S. Masselin Avenue, Los Angeles	11/12/03		
13	The Port of Long Beach, Pier S, Marine Terminal, The Port of Long Beach, Long Beach	11/12/03		
14	Clarity Partners, LP., 100 N. Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills	11/12/03		
15	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Project NO. 501-Low Flow Diversion, Will Rogers Beach State Park, Los Angeles	11/17/03		
16	Thums Long Beach Company, Power Plant Project, Pier D Street, Port of Long Beach	11/17/03		
17	Los Angeles County Sanitation District, Valencia Water Reclamation Plant, 28185 The Old Road, Valencia	11/18/03		
18	Jizhak Family Trust, Apartment Building of Jizhak Family Trust, 733 N. Huntely Drive, West Hollywood	11/18/03		
19	Francis Property Management, Rossmore Apartment, 585 N. Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles	11/18/03		
20	University of Southern California, Harlyene Norris Cancer Research Tower, 1450 Biggy Street, Los Angeles	11/18/03		
21	The Korean Times, Office Building of the Korean Times, 4525 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles	11/18/03		
22	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Project NO. 5241-Low Flow Diversion, Dockweiler State Beach, Los Angeles	11/19/03		
23	Calleguas Municipal Water District, Los Posas Feeder Unit 3 Project, Moorpark	11/23/03		
D.	NPDES No. CAG994005 (Order NO. R4-2003-0108) Potable Water Supply Wells Discharges			
1	Suburban Water Systems, Plant 140, 1330 N. Willow Avenue, La Puente	11/4/03		
2	Suburban Water Systems, Plant 409 – Well #2, 15224 Canary Avenue, La Mirada	11/04/03		
3	Southern California Water Company, Centralia Site-Welll Nos. 5 &5, 12054 Centralia Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens	11/05/03		
4	East Pasadena Water Company, Well No. 8, 3725 East Mountain View Avenue, Pasadena	11/10/03		
5	South Montebello Irrigation District, Well No. 7, 1434 Peerless Way, Montebello	11/10/03		
6	South Montebello Irrigation District, Well No. 6, 684 Washington Boulevard, Montebello	11/12/03		
7	Suburban Water Systems, Plant 121-Well No. W-1, 807 California Avenue, West Covina	11/12/03		
8	Suburban Water Systems, Plant 142-Well No. W-2, 1331 Vine Avenue, West Covina	11/12/03		
9	City of Pasadena, Garfield Well, 586 B, Garfield Avenue, Pasadena	11/17/03		
10	Suburban Water Systems, Plant 139-Well Nos. 2, 4, 5, & 6, 187 N. Willow Avenue, West Covina	11/18/03		

11	Newhall County Water District, Well Nos. 7 & 10, 247015 San Fernando Road, Santa Clarita	11/19/03		
12	Southern California Water Company, Dalton Well, 17308 Dalton Avenue, Gardena	11/20/03		
13	Southern California Water Company, Roseton Well No. 2, 17456 Roseton, Artesia	11/21/03		
E.	NPDES CAG674001 (Order No. 97-047) Hydrostatic Test Water			
F.	NPDES CAG994003 (Order No. 98-055) Nonprocess			
G.	NPDES CAG834001 (Order No.2002-0125) – Cleanup of Petroleum Fuel Pollution			
1	EDT Engineering Company Inc., Carson Town Center Equipment Enclosure, 306 West Torrance Boulevard, Carson			11/03/03
2	Pioneer French Baking Co. Inc., 512 Rose Avenue, Venice			11/12/03
3	ExxonMobil Corporation, Former ExxonMobil Station 7-2827, 305 Carment Drive, Camarillo	11/19/03		
4	Arco Products Company, Arco Facility NO. 5217, 20940 Norwalk Boulevard, Lakewood			11/20/03
H.	NPDES CAG914001(Order No. 2002-0107) – Cleanup of Volatile Organic Compounds Contaminated Groundwater			

General NPDES Permit Authorization/Revision and Termination December 2003

	<u>General Permit type and Facility name & Location</u>	<u>Date of Coverage</u>	<u>Date of Revision</u>	<u>Date of Termination</u>
A.	NPDES CAG994001 (Order No. 97-045) Dewatering (no treatment)			
1	The Clark Construction Group, Inc., Caltrans District 7 Headquarters Building Project, 100 South Main Street, Los Angeles			12/2/03
2	California Department of Transportation, Storm Drain Dewatering Project, Westdale Maintenance Station, 2723 S. Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles			12/3/03
3	City of Lakewood, Water Well No. 13A, Candlewood and Palo Verde Avenue, Lakewood			12/8/03
4	Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, Calabasas Landfill, 5300 Lost Hills Road, Agoura			12/30/03
B	NPDES CAG994002 (Order No. 97-043) Dewatering (treatment required)			
1	Pacific Terminals, Pipeline Excavation and Groundwater Dewatering Project, Edison Pipeline and Terminal Company, Dominguez Channel Watershed, Carson and Wilmington			12/30/03
C.	NPDES CAG994004 (Order No. R4-2003-0111) Construction & Project Dewatering			
2	Douglas Emmet & Company, Wilshire Landmark II Building, 11766 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles	12/3/03		
3	Chevron Products Company, Chevron Texaco Heritage Site 21-1344 (Former Texaco Station), 2186 Redondo Beach Boulevard, Torrance	12/8/03		
4	WRC Properties Inc., 6500 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles	12/5/03		
5	State of California Department of Transportation (District 7), Pleasant Valley Road and Route 1, Oxnard	12/8/03		
6	Maple Associates, Ltd., 407 N. Maple Drive, Beverly Hills	12/10/03		
7	331 North Maple LLC., 331 N. Maple Drive, Beverly Hills	12/10/03		
8	ING Bank FSB (c/o The Kutzer Company), Santa Monica Gateway Building, 1175 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles	12/10/03		
9	Harrison/Roberts Environmental Management, 371 S. Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles	12/12/03		
10	Playa Capital Company, LLC, Play Vista, 6775 Centinela Avenue, Los Angeles	12/16/03		
11	Carrier Corporation, Former Carrier Facility, 931 South Azusa Avenue, City of Industry	12/17/03		
12	United Storm Water, Inc., Caltrans Storm Drain Cleaning Project, 105 Glen Anderson Freeway Intersection 110 Harbor Freeway Los Angeles	12/17/03		
13	Ventura County Transportation Department, Santa Clara Avenue Intersection Improvement, Camarillo	12/17/03		

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14	Arden Realty Limited Partnership, Comstock Building, 11705 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles	12/19/03		
15	Department of Water and Power, City of Los Angeles, Haynes Generating Station Repowering Construction Project, 6801 Westminster Avenue, Long Beach	12/30/03		
D.	NPDES No. CAG994005 (Order NO. R4-2003-0108) Potable Water Supply Wells Discharges			
1	City of Santa Paula, Well Development and Rehabilitation, Santa Paula 12/1/03	12/1/03		
2	Southern California Water Company, Ballona Plant, 1218 W. El Segundo Boulevard, Gardena	12/8/03		
3	Southern California Water Company, Belhaven Plant, 11230 S. Belhaven Avenue, Los Angeles	12/10/03		
4	U.S. Geological Survey, Los Angeles Coastal Hydrologic Basin, Ballona Creek Watershed	12/12/03		
5	U.S. Geological Survey, Los Angeles Coastal Hydrologic Basin, San Gabriel River Watershed	12/12/03		
6	U.S. Geological Survey, Los Angeles Coastal Hydrologic Basin, Dominguez Channel Watershed	12/12/03		
7	U.S. Geological Survey, Los Angeles Coastal Hydrologic Basin, Los Angeles River Watershed	12/12/03		
8	City of Lomita, City Water System Well No. 5, 26112 Cypress Street, Rolling Hills	12/19/03		
9	City of Beverly Hills, Production Well Pumping Test Project, Beverly Hills	12/30/03		
E.	NPDES CAG674001 (Order No. 97-047) Hydrostatic Test Water			
F.	NPDES CAG994003 (Order No. 98-055) Nonprocess			
G.	NPDES CAG834001 (Order No. 2002-0125) – Cleanup of Petroleum Fuel Pollution			
1	Chevron Environmental Management Company, Chevron Texaco Heritage Site 21-1344 (Former Texaco Station) 2188 Redondo Beach Boulevard, Torrance	12/5/03		
2	Shatto Investment Company, Dyno Auto Care, 3151 W. Sixth Street, Los Angeles			12/11/03
3	Al-Sal Oil Company, Station No. 4, 9081 W. Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles	12/12/03		
H.	NPDES CAG914001 (Order No. 2002-0107) – Cleanup of Volatile Organic Compounds Contaminated Groundwater			
1	Nasa Oil Corporation, Unocal Gas Station, 2120 Lincoln Boulevard, Santa Monica			12/11/03
2	Carrier Corporation, Former Carrier Facility, 931 South Asusa Avenue, City of Industry			12/9/03

**Monthly Summary of Regional Board Enforcement Actions
December 2003**

	Notice of	NOVs	NTCs	CAOs	TSOs	CDOs	Administrative	Civil	Liability		Program Total
13267	Non-						Penalty	Complaints			
Letters	Compliance						Migden Mandatory	Storm-water related	All others	Total ACLs	
Enforcement											
NPDES					2						2
Stormwater	5	59	14	1							79
Underground Tanks	8										8
Site Cleanup I, II & III	7										7
WDRs		1									1
WIP											0
Landfills	1	2									3
Other (401, NPS)											0
TOTAL	15	62	14	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	100
YTD Total	264	169	303	114	6	12	0	17	1	7	25

13267 Letter – Requirement to Submit Information

Level 1 enforcement - Notice of Non Compliance

NOV - Notice of Violation

NTC - Notice to Comply

CAO - Clean up and Abatement Order

TSO - Time Schedule Order

CDO - Cease and Desist Order

ACL – Administrative Civil Liability

NPDES – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

WIP – Well Investigation Program

NPS – Nonpoint Source

WDR – Waste Discharge Requirement